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SUBJECT: CONFERENCE IN SUPPORT OF IRAQ AGAINST IRANIAN AGGRESSION

1. SUMMARY: GOI GAVE MASSIVE PUBLICITY TO FEB 1-3
ANTI-IRANIAN CONFERENCE ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF
OVER 50 ORGANIZATIONS, MAINLY FROM ARAB COUNTRIES. MAIN
THEMES WERE ARAB NATURE OF IRAQ'S CONFLICT WITH IRAN AND
ROLE OF U.S. AS IMPERIALIST FORCE BEHIND IRAN. NEVERTHELESS,
SADDAM HUSSEIN'S SPEECH OFFERED IRAN PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT.
END SUMMARY.

2. RCC VICE CHAIRMAN SADDAM HUSSEIN

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OPENED "CONFERENCE IN SUPPORT OF IRAQ AGAINST IMPERIALIST

AND IRANIAN AGGRESSIONS" WITH SPEECH STRESSING IRAQ'S CONFLICT WITH IRAN WAS ARAB PROBLEM WITH PHRASES LIKE "THE BLOOD THAT FLOWS ON MOUNTAINS OF NORTHERN IRAQ IS OF THE SAME HEAD SPRING AS BLOOD THAT SOAKED SOIL OF SINAI, GOLAND AND PALESTINE". HE ACCUSED IRAN OF LARGE SCALE INTERFERENCE IN IRAQ'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS, DIRECTLY AND OPENLY. HE SAID "MILITARY MIGHT WHICH IRAN NOW BUILDING UP IS COMPLETELY DISPROPORTIONATE WITH ITS ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND IS WITHOUT ANY CONVINCING JUSTIFICATION FOR LEGITIMATE NATIONAL DEFENSE". FOLLOWING CONDEMNATION OF "IMPERALIST" BACKING OF IRAN, SADDAM WARNED THOSE WHO TALK OF CONQUERING OIL FIELDS THAT GOING WOULD BE VERY TOUGH AND THEY WOULD MEET STIFF AND UNYIELDING RESISTANCE. HE CONCLUDED THAT "WAY TO GUARANTEE WORLD INTERESTS AND PEACE IS RESPECT BY ALL PARTIES OF LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF THE OTHER" AND THAT "WE ARE PREPARED TO MEET THE HANDS STRETCHED OUT TO US FOR BUILDING NORMAL AND EQUAL RELATIONS SAFEGUARDING OUR SOVEREIGNTY AND LEGITIMATE RIGHTS AND SPARING THIS REGION THE AGONY OF CALAMITIES AND DEVESTATION". (COMMENT: ALTHOUGH SADDAM HUSSEIN DID NOT MENTION U.S., ACCOMPANYING EDITORIALS MADE CLEAR THAT ALL REFEFERENCES TO IMPERIALISM WERE DIRECTED AT U.S.)

3. SPEAKERS AT CONFERENCE REPRESENTED INTER ALIA POPULAR FRONT FOR LIBERATION OF OMAN POPULAR FRONT FOR LIBERATION OF AHWAZ, SECRETARY OF PLO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (MOHAMMED NASHASHIBI), IRANIAN NATIONAL FRONT, KURDISTAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF IRAN, POPULAR FRONT FOR LIBERATION OF WEST BALUCHISTAN, AND GEORGE HABBASH OF PFLP. TOTAL OF FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS REPORTEDLY WAS 250 REPRESENTING 50 VOCATIONAL AND POPULAR ORGANIZATIONS, WITH ALL EXPENSES BORNE BY GOI.

4. CONFERENCE MESSAGES TO CHIEFS OF STATE AND OTHERS STRESSED NECESSITY OF MOBILIZING ARAB MASSES TO PROTECT EASTERN FLANK OF ARAB WORLD AGAINST IRAN AND MAINTAIN ARABISM OF GULF.
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